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❖ Curriculum Guides			
Environmental Health and Nursing: The Mississippi Delta Project - A Modular Curriculum for Nurses	Developed for the Mississippi Delta Region. Useful tool for adaptation to public health settings and nursing schools outside the Delta Region for incorporating environmental health into existing nursing courses.	http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/MDP.cfm Howard University Division of Nursing 501 Bryant Street, NW Washington, DC 20059	Tel: (202) 806-7459
Breast Cancer and the Environment	Developed by Health Education and Adult Literacy (HEAL) and published by World Education through a grant by CDC. Provides curriculum format for addressing the issue online.	http://easternlincls.worlded.org/health/bce/index.htm World Education 44 Farnsworth Street Boston, MA 02210	Tel: (617) 482.9485 Fax: (617) 482.0617
Training Manual on Pediatric Environmental Health: Putting It Into Practice	Tool to address education of health professionals in children's environmental health issues.	http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/child or http://www.cehn.org/cehn/trainingmanual/manual-front.html Children's Environmental Health Network 5900 Hollis Street, Suite R3 Emeryville, CA 94608	Tel: (510) 597-1393 Fax: (510) 597-1399
❖ Newsletters			
Environmental Health News	A monthly newsletter that is distributed via the Internet. It contains up to date information on issues such as: air quality, hazardous waste, current legislation, children's health, and water quality.	Inquiries can be addressed to: toleary@astho.org http://www.astho.org/environmental/newsletters.html Association of State and Territorial Health Officials 1275 K Street NW; Suite 800 Washington DC 20005	Tel: (202) 371- 9090 Fax: (202) 371-9797
Hazardous Substances and Public Health	Quarterly newsletter on hazardous substances and public health issues. Available electronically and by contacting:	http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/HEC/hspphome.html Hazardous Substances & Public Health, ATSDR, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS E-33 Atlanta, GA 30333	Tel: (404) 639-0727 Fax: (404) 639-6207

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❖ Children's Health			
Hazardous Waste Sites and Children's Health Risks	Information on children and exposures to lead, TCE, PCB's and other contaminants. Links to other sites including activities for children and environment health.	http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/child ATSDR; MS E-33 1600 Clifton Road NE Atlanta, GA 30333	Tel: (404) 639-0700 (888) 42ATSDR
Farm Safety 4 Just Kids	The mission of Farm Safety 4 Just Kids is to promote a safe farm environment to prevent health hazards, injuries and fatalities to children and youth.	http://www.fs4jk.org/	Fax: (515) 758-2517
EPA Children's Health	Information on Children's Health and the environment.	http://www.epa.gov/children/	Tel: (202) 260-7778 Fax: (202) 260-4103
❖ Information on Specific Chemicals and Pollution Services			
ATSDR ToxFAQs™	A series of 2 page summaries about hazardous substances.	http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq.html Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry	
TOXNET Databases	A cluster of databases on toxicology, hazardous chemicals, and related areas.	http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/sis1 National Library of Medicine	
Environmental Defense Fund (EDF Scorecard)	EDF has a user-friendly format that will allow you to explore different chemicals. You can also investigate information about chemical releases in your own city or community.	Type in your zip code at http://www.scorecard.org/community/index.tcl to zoom in on the Superfund sites in your community.	
US EPA Envirofacts Data Warehouse	Allows you to retrieve environmental information from EPA databases on Air, Chemicals, Facility Information, Grants/ Funding, Hazardous Waste, Risk Management Plans, Superfund, Toxic Releases, Water Permits, Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence, and others	http://www.epa.gov/enviro/index_java.html	

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❖ Environmental Justice/Culture			
National Tribal Environmental Council	NTEC and its member tribes are committed to the preservation of tribal lands and to approaches that focus on sustaining natural resources and preserving the ecological, recreational, economic, aesthetic and, above all, spiritual values those resources embody.	http://www.ntec.org/	
National Hispanic Indoor Air Quality Hotline	Bilingual operators will assist callers with questions about indoor air quality issues and requests for radon test kits.		1-800-725-8312
National Environmental Justice Advisory Council	A federal advisory committee to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).	http://es.epa.gov/oeca/oej/nejac/	(202) 564-2515
EPA - Environmental Justice	US EPA's environmental justice program related to solid and hazardous waste.	http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/ej/index.html	
❖ Videotapes/CD ROMS/Other Multimedia Resources			
Health and the Environment: Exploring Critical Connections	This four-part video series is designed by nurses, physicians, and environmental science experts to explore the critical interrelationship of human health and the environment.	http://www.uvm.edu/~dceweb/profprog/order/healthcare_index.html University of Vermont	Also call: (802) 656-2088
Envirodx	EnviroDx is a multimedia, case-focused, computer-based learning program on environmental-related diseases. Targeted to physicians but it is a good practice tool for nurses, too.	http://www-medlib.med.utah.edu/envirodx	

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❖ Helpful Support Sites			
AAOHN	American Association of Occupational Health Nurses is the professional association for registered nurses who provide on-the-job health care for the nation's workers.	Http://www.aaohn.org/ AAOHN, Inc. Suite 100, 2920 Brandywine Road Atlanta, GA 30341-4146	Tel: (770) 455-7757 Fax: (770) 455-7271
AOEC	Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics is a network of more than 60 clinics and more than 250 individuals committed to improving the practice of occupational and environmental medicine through information sharing and collaborative research.	http://www.aoec.org/ Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics 1010 Vermont Ave., NW #513 Washington, DC 20005	Tel: (202) 347-4976 Fax: (202) 347-4950
NEETF	National Environmental Education & Training Foundation's mission is to help America meet critical national challenges through environmental learning.	http://www.neetf.org The National Environmental Education & Training Foundation 1707 H Street, NW Suite 900 Washington, DC 20009	Tel: (202) 833-2933 Fax: (202) 261-6464
❖ Federal Agencies			
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry	www.atsdr.cdc.gov	
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	www.epa.gov	
NCEH	National Center for Environmental Health	http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ncehome.htm	
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics	http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/	
NIEHS	National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences	http://www.niehs.nih.gov/	
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health	http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/homepage.html	
Environmental Health Policy Committee	Coordinates policy development for environmental health activities related to the mission of the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) and its agencies.	http://www.health.gov/environment/	

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OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration	http://www.osha.gov	
❖ Books /Journals/Other			
<u>Nursing Health and the Environment</u>	This is a report by the IOM (Institute of Medicine) on the state of nursing and environmental health. It covers recommendations for basic competencies in environmental health and nursing, areas for nursing practice, education, and research for involvement in environmental health.	Full text available and ordering information at the National Academy of Science Web site: http://books.nap.edu/books/030905298X/html/index.html	
Environmental Health Perspectives	Journal by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.	Read abstracts on line. Journal by subscription. http://ehpnet1.niehs.nih.gov/docs/monthly.html	
MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets)	An MSDS is designed to provide both workers and emergency personnel with the proper procedures for handling or working with that substance. MSDS will include information such as physical data (melting point, boiling point, flash point etc.), toxicity, health effects, first aid, reactivity, storage, disposal, protective equipment, and spill/leak procedures. These are of particular use if a spill or other accident occurs.	http://www.ilpi.com/msds/	
NIOSH Pocket Guide	The guide contains summary information on each chemical's physical properties, exposure limits, exposure routes, symptoms, target organs, measurement methods, personal protective equipment, respirator recommendations, and first aid.	It is now available on line. http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npg/npgd0000.html#P	

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❖ Terminology			
EPA list of environmental terminology		http://www.epa.gov/docs/OCEPAterms/	
❖ Listserves			
Environmental Health Nursing-EHN	A nursing listserv. This listserv was created to provide nurses a forum to discuss emerging topics in environmental health and nursing, as well as pose questions regarding environmental health.	To subscribe, Send a message to the following email address: listserv@listserv.cdc.gov Leave the Subject line blank. In the text or message area, type or cut and paste the following: subscribe environmental-health-nursing First name Last Name <u>Example:</u> subscribe environmental-health-nursing Ann Jones	
Occupational and Environmental Medicine - OEM	A medical listserv. Provides a forum for health providers to ask questions regarding current environmental health questions.	http://occ-env-med.mc.duke.edu/oem/occ-env-.htm	
Children's Environmental Health Network-CEHN	Offers a forum for discussing issues specific to children's environmental health issues.	http://www.cehn.org/cehn/index.html Children's Environmental Health Network 5900 Hollis Street, Suite R3 Emeryville, CA 94608	Tel: (510) 597-1393 Fax: (510) 597-1399
The National Institute for Literacy – NIFL	NIFL is an independent federal organization leading the national effort toward a fully literate America in the 21st century.	Http://www.nifl.gov/ National Institute for Literacy 1775 I Street, NW; Suite 730 Washington, DC 20006-2401	Tel: (202) 233-2025 Fax: (202) 233-2050
Poison Control Centers	A website that lets you select a state to find the poison control center(s). Poison control centers have access to information on health effects associated with environmental hazards and contaminants.	http://www.medicinenet.com/Script/Main/Art.asp?li=USA&d=308&cu=16583&w=0&ArticleKey=7450	
❖ ATSDR Emergency Response numbers			(404) 639-0615 (404) 639-6360

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❖ Pesticide Information			
NAIN - National Antimicrobial Information Network	A source of objective, science-based information on antimicrobial pesticides, including sanitizers, disinfectants, and sterilants, registered with the U.S. EPA.	http://nain.orst.edu	Tel: (800) 447-6349
NPTN - National Pesticide Telecommunications Network	NPTN can provide nurses and other health care professionals with science-based information related to environmental health concerns associated with the use of pesticides. Specialists can assist nurses with risk assessments, risk communication and exposure prevention activities.	http://nptn.orst.edu	Tel: (800) 858-7378
Recognition and Management of Pesticide Poisonings, 5 th Edition, March 1999	This new edition covers about 1500 pesticide products in an easy-to-use format. The first three chapters deal with background information - general principles in the management of acute pesticide poisonings, taking an occupational and environmental history, and resource listing (hotlines, WEB sites and description of pertinent governmental and non-governmental organizations).	English and Spanish versions of the text are accessible on-line or a hard copy can be ordered at the following WEB site: http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/safety/healthcare/handbook/handbook.htm	